

**MINUTES OF THE HETTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED TO  
BE HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018 HOWEVER HELD AT 7.00 p.m.  
ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
THE HETTON CENTRE AT 7.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor K. Alcock, Deputy Mayor in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs. Adamson, Blackburn, Mrs Campbell, Costello, Coulson, Cunningham, Defty, Elvin, Geddis, Green, Hepple, R. Heron, Mrs. J. Heron, Holt, Ms. Pearson, Mrs Turner, Mrs Waterson, Mrs Willis. (19).

Prior to the commencement of the Meeting the Mayor made the following statement:-

*'To advise both Members of the Council and members of the public that the Meeting may be recorded by both audio and video and photographs may also be taken. Indeed the Town Council are recording the Meeting, in accordance with their adopted policy. Any objections to this should be stated before the commencement of the Meeting.'*

**1. To Receive, Accept and Approve Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Cummings and D. Wallace, Mayor. Members noted that Cllr Wallace was ill and in hospital. All Members wished him well and a speedy recovery.

**2 To receive, and approve the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018**

It was moved by Cllr Heron and seconded by Cllr.Hepple that the minutes be accepted, However, as Members had been advised formally prior to the Meeting, Cllr Elvin had indicated that he wished to move and note that Items 16a and 16b of the Minutes of the Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, relating to the Management of the Town Council be withdrawn and for the present time all matters remain as currently operated.

Cllr Elvin reiterated that he and his colleagues had no desire to act or take any decisions which were not lawful, however he was still awaiting legal determination from governing bodies, and of course if proved either way this is how the Council would proceed.

Cllr Heron stated Cllr Elvin was afforded all legal and statutory advice from the Town Clerk, N.A.L.C. and C.D.A.L.C. and various publications, but despite all this still proceeded with his proposals.

Cllr Elvin subsequently referred to Item 6, amendments and recommendations made to the Standing Orders with reference to the position of Mayor, that these be rescinded and at present the Mayor to continue in office as currently.

These amendments were agreed.

**3 To Receive Declarations of Interest**

Declaration was made by Cllr Turner as a Member of Sunderland City Council Development Committee.

**4. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of the Finance and Resources Committee Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

And in doing so agree to formal recommendation for Precept and Budget provision to be levied year April 2018 – March 2019.

Cllr Heron referred to the proposed budget restrictions as set out in the report and suggested that the reductions to the Mayors Allowance was severe and not appropriate.

Cllr Pearson reminded Members that the Budget Proposals had to be mindful of the need for Election expenditure next year of £15,000 minimum and as Chairman of the Finance Committee supported the proposal for a 2% Precept increase.

Cllr Mrs Heron explained that Labour Councillors were not in favour of a 2% Precept rise.

Cllr Holt stated the proposed budget was well thought out, made relevant cuts to control expenditure.

Cllr Elvin agreed that a careful balanced fair budget had been achieved.

The Meeting agreed that 2% increase for year 2018/2019.

**5. To Receive and Approve the Minutes of a Meeting of the Special Community Events Committee Meeting held Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

Cllr Mrs Waterson, Chairman, Chairman of the Committee gave a verbal report of a positive meeting which resulted in agreement to organise a meeting of all community/local organisations to be hosted at The Hetton Centre to try and establish a programme/diary of activities and events held in Hetton area and perhaps examine ways a large scale community festival could be planned.

Members will be advised of progress.

**6. Planning Applications received**

17/0218/, Land at Downs Lane, Hetton-le-Hole, construction of 112 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping works, development by Gleasons.

Members agreed that a Site Meeting with City Planning Officers is required to examine road access and egress, together with highway issues.

**7 To Consider Applications Received as Planning Consultation Process**

Members received applications and it was agreed to comment and arrange a Planning Meeting

**8. Update Report on Meeting with Northumbria Police C.C. and Senior Management.**

Further details have yet to be provided to the Town Clerk.

**9. Correspondence Age UK, Sunderland, regarding service provision in Hetton and District**

Noted comments and correspondence from the Director Age UK

**10 C.D.A.L.C. Queens Garden Party, Update Report**

Noted, That successful applicants had been advised by CDALC

**11. Application for Community Grant Award: H.M.F.C.**

To be deferred to suitable Finance Committee Meeting.

**12. Correspondence: Regarding property in Richard Street**

It was reported that Sunderland City Council Planning Development Enforcement Section were taking necessary action under statutory proceedings.

Signed  
Councillor Mrs. K. Alcock, Deputy Mayor